

# Agenda



**Sustainability Advisory Committee**

**Wednesday 31 January 2024  
4.00 – 5.30pm**

<b>Location:</b>	Banksia Room, Level 6, 31 Victor St Chatswood
<b>Chair:</b>	Chair will be appointed at the meeting
<b>Attendees:</b>	Members: Andrew Assaee, Eva Coulam, Gay Spies, Rena Czaplinska-Archer, Janet France, Elisha Mangassarian WCC Staff: Peter Lisle, Simon Brown, Bushra Salam
<b>Apologies/absent:</b>	
<b>Guests</b>	Councillor Anna Greco Councillor John Moratelli
<b>Alignment to the Community Strategic Plan</b>	Outcome 1: A City that is green <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Priority 1.1: Create and enhance green spaces, urban tree canopy and greening</li><li>• Priority 1.2: Promote sustainable lifestyle and practices</li><li>• Priority 1.3: Enhance, protect and respect waterways, bushland, wildlife and ecological systems</li><li>• Priority 1.4: Reduce use of energy, water and natural resources and maximise reuse of waste</li><li>• Priority 1.5: Reduce carbon and greenhouse gas emissions</li></ul>
<b>Alignment to the Delivery Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monitor the increase in sustainable behaviours through the Live Well in Willoughby program</li><li>• Implement Our Green City Plan 2028</li><li>• Implement the Resilient Willoughby Strategy and Action Plan 2021</li></ul>
<b>Advisory Committees will be successful if they</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Focus on strategic initiatives that support the delivery or review of the identified strategic priorities including increased community uptake of relevant initiatives</li><li>• Are active and productive</li><li>• Are where members collaborate</li><li>• Promote self-initiative, resilience and empowerment of both members and the broader community</li><li>• Are representative of the community and community interests</li></ul>

## Agenda items

Item	Topic	Time	Lead
1	<b>Welcome:</b>	4:00	Governance
	<p><b>Acknowledgement of Country</b></p> <p><i>Willoughby City Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we meet today, the Gamaragal People, and their connections to land, waters, and community. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including those who may be in attendance today.</i></p>		
	<p><b>Declarations of interest</b></p> <p><b>Apologies</b></p>		
2	<b>Appointment of Chair</b>	4:02	Governance
3	<b>Confirmation of Minutes – 12 December 2023</b>	4:05	Chair
4	<b>Business arising from the previous minutes</b>	4.10	
5	<b>Strategic Activities</b>	4.15	Chair
5.1	<b>Standing Item - Update on carbon targets for Council and Community</b>		Peter Lisle
5.2	<p><b>Matters for discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainable investing &amp; NSW rebates for heat pumps in Willoughby (raised by Janet France)</li> <li>Matters raised by Eva Coulam (See appendix for contents of her email)</li> </ul>		Peter Lisle/ Simon Brown
6	<b>Other Business</b>	5.15	Chair
7	<b>Next Meeting</b>	5.25	Chair
	<p><b>Date</b></p> <p><b>Suggested Agenda Items</b></p>		
8	<b>Meeting Conclusion</b>	5.30	Chair

## Appendix:

### Eva Coulam email

**From:** Eva <eva.g@optusnet.com.au>

**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 January 2024 9:15 PM

**To:** Salam, Bushra <Bushra.Salam@Willoughby.nsw.gov.au>

**Cc:** Gay Spies <gay.spies@icloud.com>; aassae@gmail.com; Elisha Mangassarian <elisha.m.2022@gmail.com>; janetfrance <janetfrance@optusnet.com.au>; Moratelli, John <John.Moratelli@Willoughby.nsw.gov.au>; Lisle, Peter <Peter.Lisle@Willoughby.nsw.gov.au>; Chapman, Nick <Nick.Chapman@Willoughby.nsw.gov.au>; rena7@tpg.com.au

**Subject:** Re: Sustainability Advisory Committee-12 December 2023 (Draft minutes)

Thankyou Bushra, The minutes look very comprehensive. Much appreciated.

I hope the new year has started well for everyone :)

My comments re: consideration to wildlife corridors for selection of tree planting locations were noted. I'd like to request that this point be integrated into the criteria list (Page 11 Urban Forest Program deck) to formalise consideration within the process.

Initial thoughts re potential January agenda topics -

1. Further to Janet's point re council use of glyphosate/Roundup, we could discuss council policy and use of herbicides, pesticides and rodenticides. What consideration is given to biodiversity impacts eg 2<sup>nd</sup> generation anticoagulant rodenticides on predatory birds & reptiles and native rats? Is there scope to stop use of environmentally harmful products to protect vulnerable wildlife like our resident owl populations?

2. Are we keeping Urban Forest on as a standing item, in light of recent ArborCarbon data measuring WCC canopy loss of 1.7%pts - down from 35.6% in 2019 to 33.9% in 2022 (a real loss of 4.8%). Especially given our motion to increase NSW Govt target beyond 40% by 2032. Monitor actions discussed -

- Stay updated on creation of an overarching tree canopy body within council, co-ordinating other relevant WCC departments eg Operations, DA assessment, Open Space. (Nick Chapman mentioned this had been proposed to council and a grant request submitted with expectation of response around April 24?)
- Tree Loss/Gain (%) chart on P8 of Nick's Urban Forest Program deck – convert to raw territory totals to compare different locations by volume.
- Proposal to register and display notification for removal of any established tree, including those on the exemption list.
- Establish resident & business incentives to plant trees (deep soil) or keep green space above baseline FSR levels

- Update on Willowie Road vandalism site and deterrents for recurrence -
  - More impactful long term signage in front of the site to replace ineffective banners
  - Camera monitoring at development sites adjacent to foreshore bush reserve (as per Mosman)
  - Status of State Govt review of tree protection legislation? Is there currently any scope for council to increase penalties for illegal removal and lead State Govt?
  - Review communications provided to all relevant parties at point of DA submission (owner/developer/certifier/builder)
- Additionally according to the Public Spaces & Recreation strategic document (p37) we should monitor any future plans for multi purpose usage of the LGA Golf Courses to ensure canopy is not compromised.

FYI yet another foreshore mcmansion build came through on Planning alerts requesting removal of 23 trees @ 55 Headland Rd Castle Cove (DA-2024/4)

31 Willis Rd Castle Cove also under consideration, wanting to remove 17 trees and up FSR to +14% above the cap (DA 2023/75). Both vulnerable foreshore territory.

[https://www.planningalerts.org.au/applications/3073746?utm\\_campaign=add-comment&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=alerts#add-comment](https://www.planningalerts.org.au/applications/3073746?utm_campaign=add-comment&utm_medium=email&utm_source=alerts#add-comment)

3. Pollution events in local creeks seem to occur regularly (eg Flat Rock Creek December 2022, July 2023)

I raised concern over Scotts Creek health with council (&EPA) 20/11/23 - council members incl Tanya Taylor also alerted via Castle Cove Community FB group.

I received the standard 'we'll reply within 10 days' but nothing further, despite following up again via email on the 29th.

What is the protocol for reporting these events and what steps have been taken to investigate, remediate, penalise offenders and educate the public?

4. At some stage this year I would like to get an understanding of communication channels used by council - reach/subscribers/engagement for email/ newsletters/ social platforms /website and events or outdoor signage locations. What is the strategy underpinning sustainability communications.

Enjoy your January festivities & see you on the 31st.

Cheers,

Eva